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re: **SUBJECT: ALERT: U.S. PROPOSES DOUSING WILDERNESS AREAS WITH HERBICIDES**

Dear Brian Amme,

- 1 I just today read about BLM's proposal to spray massive amounts of pesticides over public lands in an effort to reduce the risks of forest fire.
- 2 This is madness. For the sake of preventing a few fires which should normally occur as a natural process of ecological regeneration you seem to be willing to toxify our planet? In my wildest imagination I cannot fathom how you can even consider such a destructive option.
- 3 This is not just an example of mindless incompetence but actually behavior that in other circumstances would be considered criminal. Are you personally and professionally willing to assume responsibility for killing massive amounts of flora and fauna for generations to come? Is the health and safety of your children and grandchildren not of any concern to you?
- 4 I can't see any cost benefit to this proposal. You seem to be willing to cripple our ecosystems and toxify the bodies of humans who live, visit, work or consume from the products of these lands. Rather than a toxifying quick fix, just so the wealthy don't have to pay taxes, isn't a better solution to pay people decent salaries to apply non-toxic solutions?
- 5 It is time that all options presented to publicly beneficial policy making include only non-toxic solutions. This is an ideal situation to start.

Sincerely,

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